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Hudelson Iris Originations

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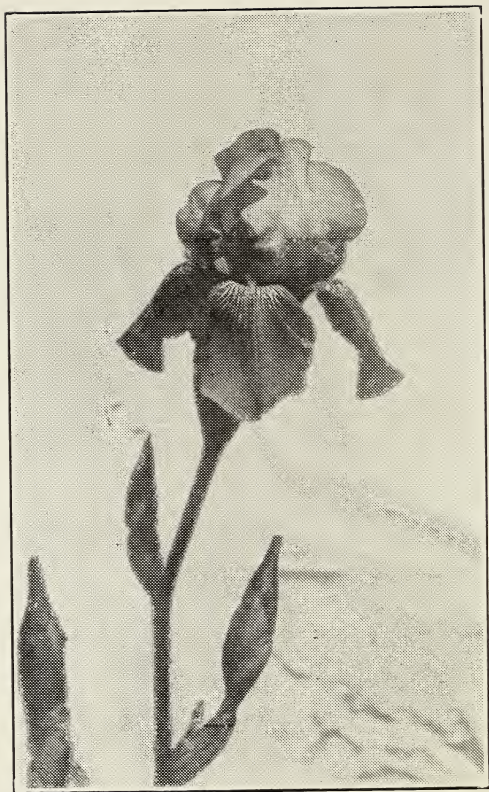


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For several years, I have been raising irises from hand-pollinated seeds. Of the thousands which I have grown many are far superior to most varieties on the market. I have often been urged to introduce several of my better productions; but I have refrained from doing so until I was thoroughly satisfied that I had something that was not only good and different; but something that will make a real and valuable addition to our already long list of fine irises.

I now offer but four. With one exception, the names given are not at all descriptive except to those who have known those who have gone on before.

I have one real red iris, without any suggestion of violet, blue or any other color than Spectrum red. I do not offer it because it does not satisfy me; but it does refute the statement of the Ph.D. in Botany, himself a breeder of iris, who said "You will never get it. It will be impossible to get rid of the violet." Somebody is always doing the "impossible."



James Hudelson

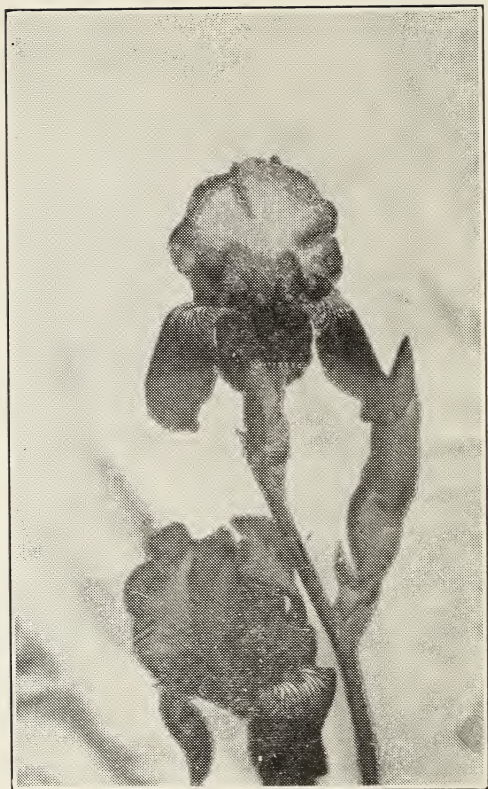
James Hudelson

This iris has very large rhizomes, strong, tall (36 inch), rich green foliage, stout, well branched stems 46 inches tall. The flowers are large, of perfect form and exquisite finish. It certainly is "hand tailored" and of the heaviest texture. Last season a cloud burst crushed in the dome of every iris in my garden except this one and Mrs. S. M. Hudelson. They both came through in perfect condition, even blossoms that were three days old.

The Standards are ageratum violet, very silky. The falls are blackish red purple very velvety. Beard and throat markings rich yellow. They look like waxflowers finished in silk and velvet, with colorings very rich and harmonious.

This is an Alcazar x L.A. Williamson seedling. Richer coloring, better finish, better poised, better branched, much better substance, more vigorous plant, longer flowering season and six inches taller than either parent. Free flowering, increases rapidly, sets seeds readily, perfectly hardy, fragrant.

Under peculiar conditions last fall it became necessary to move a planting which contained James Hudelson, Mrs. S.M. Hudelson, Vista Blue and others in November and plants were out of the ground two weeks. New home in poor condition, help inexperienced, poorly planted, very dry ever since. No favoritism shown any variety in position or culture. "Not many blossoms this year"? No. But more than expected and several surprises. Fewer than one and one half percent of the plants were James Hudelson, but they produced more than sixty percent of the bloom! Mrs. S. M. H. and Vista Blue made almost as good a showing relatively. Ambassadeur came next, followed by L. A. Williamson and Alcazar. Many of the sturdy sorts both new and standard, none.



Mrs. S. M. Hudelson

This is an iris for which the breeder or commercial grower can well afford to pay \$100, but I have a fairly good stock and wish to place it in the gardens of many flower lovers who cannot pay \$100 for any plant. I therefore offer what plants I can afford to release this season at only \$15.00 each.

Mrs. S. M. Hudelson

The late Dr. T. C. Steele, noted painter, described the color thus: "Falls rich velvety dusky purple of great substance. Standards of same base color greatly reduced with white and a small quantity of yellow. A rich yellow beard illuminates the flower." Perfectly harmonious and the richest iris I have ever seen.

The flowers are large, of the heaviest waxy substance, of perfect form and finish, gracefully poised on stout, well branched stems 42 inches tall. Strong foliage, vigorous habit, hardy, fair multiplier, produces seeds readily, large rhizomes, long flowering season, fragrant.

As many as I can spare, only \$10.00 each.



Vista Blue

Vista Blue

A hardy, sturdy iris, stem 36 inches tall, flowers immense size and of good substance. Standards broad and nicely domed, silky violet blue. Falls are much darker and quite velvety. The general effect at a short distance is a deep, rich ultra-marine or indigo. Beard and throat markings are yellow. This iris claims the attention and admiration of all visitors.

A limited stock at \$10.00 each.

Mrs. H. M. Hudelson

This iris is of good size, good substance, thirty inches tall; A white as intense and pure as that of an Easter lily without any markings whatsoever on either standards or falls and shading to Chinese blue in the throat. Surely no iris in all the world is more chaste and delicately beautiful than this one.

A good landscape variety and will make a strong appeal to all who appreciate dainty pure beauty. A few plants at \$10.00 each.

My Stock of these irises is somewhat limited and I wish to keep a fair share to propagate. Orders will be filled in the order in which they are received. If more orders are received than I can fill this year, I will send one of the much-admired "red" iris which although it is not red makes a bright "red" spot in the garden and then send the iris ordered next season, or I will return the money whichever the sender may desire. All plants will go forward postpaid.

I have a lot of seedling iris that will make most satisfactory borders or mass plantings. They run in a wide range of colors and will make a better average than our good old standard varieties. Many of them lack just a little of being up at the top with any thing on the market.

I will make up an assortment of these and some of the best standard varieties- every one a good iris and really worth \$.25, many worth \$1.00 -and deliver to the Express Company for \$5.00 per 100 or \$1.00 per dozen post paid.